

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-43 (Canceled)

Claim 44 (Currently Amended):      An apparatus comprising:  
a circular and curved rod having a hooked portion disposed within a body portion; and  
a bead stop coupled to the body portion,  
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead  
having a thru-hole, ~~when said bead stop to force said at least one bead is forced off said rod via~~  
~~said bead stop.~~

Claim 45 (Previously Presented):      The apparatus of claim 44, further comprising a  
handle coupled to the body portion.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented):      The apparatus of claim 44, further including at least  
one gear coupled to a rack and a trigger, the trigger adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented):      The apparatus of claim 46, further comprising:  
a switch coupled to a power supply, and  
a motor coupled to the at least one gear,  
wherein the motor is adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented):      The apparatus of claim 44, further comprising one  
of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-  
emitting device.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented):      The apparatus of claim 44, further comprising:  
a housing, and  
a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a  
plurality of beads,  
wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the storage compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

Claim 51 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 44, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

Claim 52 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the rod is stationary and the bead stop is moveable.

Claim 53. (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the bead stop is stationary and the rod is moveable.

Claim 54. (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the rod and the bead stop are both moveable.

Claim 55 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a circular rod having a hooked portion disposed within a body portion;  
a handle coupled to the body portion;  
at least one gear coupled to a motor, the motor adapted to rotate the at least one gear; and  
a switch coupled to a power supply and said motor, said power supply and said motor disposed within said handle,  
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole when said at least one bead is forced off said rod via a bead stop.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising one of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-emitting device.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising:  
a housing, and  
a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a plurality of beads,  
wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 57, wherein the storage compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 55, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

Claim 60 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the rod is stationary and the bead stop is moveable.

Claim 61 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the bead stop is stationary and the rod is moveable.

Claim 62 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the rod and the bead stop are both moveable.

Claim 63 (Currently Amended): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion and a hooked portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod;  
a support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides, and  
a spring coupled to the rod, the rod having a bent portion to keep the spring in place between the bent portion and one of the plurality of rod guides,  
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole, and one of the plurality of rod guides is a bead stop adapted to force said at least one bead off said rod.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 63, further including a trigger coupled to the spring, wherein the trigger is adapted to compress the spring to move the rod.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 64, further including a trigger link coupled to the trigger and the rod.

Claim 66 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 64, further including at least one gear coupled to a rack and the trigger, the trigger adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

Claim 67 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 66, further comprising:  
a switch coupled to a power supply and a motor, and  
at least one gear coupled to the motor,  
wherein the motor is adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

Claim 68 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion and a hooked portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod;  
a support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides;  
a cylinder surrounding the rod; and  
one of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-emitting device,  
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole, and the rod is slidable within the cylinder.

Claim 69 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 68, further including a pistol handle coupled to the cylinder.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 69, further including a rod cover coupled to one end of the cylinder, wherein the rod cover is one of transparent and translucent.

Claim 71 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion and a hooked portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod;  
a support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides;  
a cylinder surrounding the rod, wherein the rod is slidable within the cylinder;  
a housing; and  
a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a plurality of beads,  
wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable, and said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

Claim 72 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the storage compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

Claim 73 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 71, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

Claim 74 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion, a hooked portion and a circular portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod;  
a hook support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides,  
a tab coupled to the rod, the tab adapted to rotate the rod through a bead stop;  
a spring coupled to the rod, the rod having a bent portion to keep the spring in place between the bent portion and one of the plurality of rod guides,  
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

Claim 75 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 74, further including a trigger coupled to the spring, wherein the trigger is adapted to compress the spring to move the rod.

Claim 76 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 75, further including a trigger link coupled to the trigger and the rod.

Claim 77 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 75, further including at least one gear coupled to a rack and the trigger, the trigger adapted to rotate the at least one gear.

Claim 78 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 77, further comprising:  
a switch coupled to a power supply, and  
a motor coupled to the at least one gear,  
wherein the motor is adapted to rotate the at least one gear to move the rod.

Claim 79 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion, a hooked portion and a circular portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod;  
a hook support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides;  
a tab coupled to the rod, the tab adapted to rotate the rod through a bead stop; and  
one of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-emitting device,  
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

Claim 80 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 79, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

Claim 81 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion, a hooked portion and a circular portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod;  
a hook support coupled to the rod, the support including a plurality of rod guides;  
a tab coupled to the rod, the tab adapted to rotate the rod through a bead stop;  
a housing; and

a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a plurality of beads,  
wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable.

Claim 82 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 81, wherein the storage compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

Claim 83 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 81, further including a quick bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

Claim 84 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion and a hooked portion, the end portion and the hooked portion being at opposite ends of the rod, the rod slidably coupled to a cylinder;  
a housing coupled to the cylinder, the housing including a plurality of axles disposed within said housing,  
a plurality of gears coupled to a trigger;  
a gear rack coupled to the cylinder; and  
one of a light-emitting device, a sound producing device, and a light emitting device and a sound-emitting device,  
wherein said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole, and said hooked portion adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

Claim 85 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 84, wherein the housing includes a handle.

Claim 86 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 85, wherein the handle has a pistol grip.

Claim 87 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 84, further including a spring coupled to the rod.

Claim 88 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 84, further comprising:  
a switch coupled to a power supply, and  
a motor coupled to the plurality of gears,  
wherein the motor is adapted to rotate the plurality of gears.

Claim 89 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 84, further comprising:  
a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a  
plurality of beads,  
wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable.

Claim 90 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 89, wherein the storage  
compartment is removably coupled to the housing.

Claim 91 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 84, further including a quick  
bead-loading device adapted to hold a plurality of beads in place.

Claim 92 (Previously Presented): An apparatus comprising:  
a rod having an end portion and a hooked portion, the end portion and the hooked portion  
being at opposite ends of the rod, the rod slidably coupled to a cylinder;  
a housing coupled to the cylinder, the housing including a plurality of axles disposed  
within said housing,  
a plurality of gears coupled to a trigger;  
a gear rack coupled to the cylinder; and  
a storage compartment including a lid, the storage compartment adapted to store a  
plurality of beads,  
wherein the lid is one of slidably removable and rotatably removable, and said hooked portion  
adapted to string filamentous material through at least one bead having a thru-hole.

Claim 93 (Previously Presented): The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the storage  
compartment is removably coupled to the housing.



Claim 94 (Previously Presented): A method comprising:  
sliding at least one bead onto a rod having a hook portion;  
hooking a section of filamentous material over the hook portion; and  
threading the at least one bead onto the filamentous material,  
wherein said threading the at least one bead onto the filamentous material is completed by  
moving a bead stop and forcing said at least one bead off said rod.

Claim 95 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 94, wherein the forcing said at  
least one bead off said rod activated by pulling a trigger coupled to the rod.

Claim 96 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 94, wherein the forcing said at  
least one bead off said rod activated by closing a switch coupled to a motor.

Claim 97 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 94, wherein the rod is one of  
straight or curved.

Claim 98 (Previously Presented): A method comprising:  
sliding at least one bead onto a rod having a hook portion;  
hooking a section of filamentous material over the hook portion;  
threading the at least one bead onto the filamentous material,  
wherein said threading the at least one bead onto the filamentous material is completed by  
moving said rod through a bead stop and forcing said at least one bead off said rod.

Claim 99 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 98, wherein the moving said  
rod through said bead stop is activated by pulling a trigger coupled to the rod.

Claim 100 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 98, wherein the moving said  
rod through said bead stop is activated by closing a switch coupled to a motor.

Claim 101 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 98, wherein the rod is one of  
straight or curved.

Claim 102 (Previously Presented): A method comprising:  
sliding at least one bead onto a rod having a hook portion;  
hooking a section of filamentous material over the hook portion;  
threading the at least one bead onto the filamentous material,  
wherein said threading the at least one bead onto the filamentous material is completed by  
moving said rod toward a bead stop and moving said bead stop toward said rod and forcing said  
at least one bead off said rod.

Claim 103 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 102, wherein the moving said  
rod toward the bead stop and moving said bead stop toward said rod is activated by pulling a  
trigger coupled to the rod.

Claim 104 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 102, wherein the moving said  
rod toward the bead stop and moving said bead stop toward said rod is activated by closing a  
switch coupled to a motor.

Claim 105 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 102, wherein the moving said  
rod toward the bead stop and moving said bead stop toward said rod is activated by using a quick  
bead loading device.

Claim 106 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 102, wherein the rod is one of  
straight or curved.